

## Meade County News.

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MEADE, KANSAS

### KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Santa Fe has four telegraph operators at Wellington now.

The old soldiers of Bourbon county will give a picnic at Redfield, June 7. Sedgwick county has just contracted for four new steel bridges, costing \$5,500.

A Muscotah man got drunk and paid all his debts. He then sobered up and was sorry.

Rev. J. P. Fulton and wife, of Harper, recently celebrated their golden wedding.

Concordia's high school graduating class has 23 young women and five young men.

Hunnewell is to have a patent washing machine factory, with a capital stock of \$3,000.

There is living in Eureka a brother of M. Demange who was Captain Dreyfus' attorney.

A Winfield real estate dealer entertained 65 excursionists from Illinois, paying all their bills.

Mrs. Ella Armstrong of El Dorado has a clerkship in the surgeon general's office in Washington.

The prairie band of Pottawatomies in Kansas are likely to buy land in Wisconsin and go to it.

The new Street Railway in Wichita paid during May, about \$2,500 for construction work alone.

A subscription paper realized \$110 at Summerfield, to replace a team which had been killed by lightning.

The sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita will formally open a normal school, novitiate and orphanage on June 21.

Christian Klumpff, aged 72, and Mrs. Minerva Brown, aged 68 years, were married the other day at Garden City.

Assessors returns in Sedgwick county show that during the year there had been sold poultry and eggs for \$108,477.

Wyandotte has passed Crawford county in having the largest assessment of railroad property among Kansas counties.

John Kitten, a deaf old man, was crossing the Rock Island tracks at Turon, and he and his horse were killed by a train.

A boy in Chanute died from rupture caused from a boyish scuffle and two boys have had a charge of murder made against them.

Dickinson, Salina and McPherson counties had heavy rains accompanied with local hail storms, last week, which did some damage.

Kansas now has ninety-two rural delivery routes for the accommodation of farmers with the promise of a large increase to the number.

Wind damaged a farmer's fences and buildings in Lincoln county and 100 neighbors gathered and repaired them. They called it a holiday.

The city assessor's returns show the population of Salina to be 6,501. Saline county has a population of 17,501, a gain of 831 over last year.

The passenger department of the Santa Fe has issued a circular in colors telling about the Chautauqua assembly at Winfield June 21-July 2.

A farmer near Inman sold his farm and went to Barber county and bought 840 acres for \$8,400. He also bought a large Hereford herd, hogs and implements. The ranch has fine buildings.

A writ of mandamus was served on the commissioners of Sumner county, ordering them to canvass the vote on the county high school June 15.

Decorations day was observed at more places in Kansas and by more people than ever before. At least the multitude of reports that appear would show this as true.

Surveyors for the "Orient" railway have reached Wichita, having finished work on almost an air line from Burlington O. T., coming through Harper county, Kansas.

The thirteenth annual picnic of the Santa Fe shopmen of Topeka will be held on Saturday, June 16, 1900.

The Scottish Rite Masons of Fort Scott have purchased the Huntington hotel and will convert it into a Masonic temple.

A son of A. Scott, near Healy, was thrown from a horse and the halter caught around his neck and he was dragged to death.

Thirty descendants of Robert Newton Allen, of Indiana, assembled at Chanute, the guests of R. N. Allen.

The railroads running into Wichita report greatly increased business at that point. The wholesale houses are sending out unusually large shipments and the retail merchants are putting in heavy stocks.

W. Q. Church, late superintendent of the Wichita street railway, has taken a place in the freight department of the Pittsburg and Gulf road.

Kansas has 9,000 miles of railroad exclusive of side tracks yet there are five counties—Grant, Morton, Stanton, Stevens—that have no track.

Public schools are closed at Mankato and Memorial services declared off on account of smallpox near the town. This includes the high school commencement.

Rest rooms for the women who go to town to trade are beginning to materialize. One such scheme came to grief at Pleasanton. Money was provided to pay rent, fix up and furnish and the paper hangers were at work when it was learned that a hop tea joint was going into a room next door. This changed the plans.

J. A. Constant is appointed postmaster at Sabetha.

Fire destroyed \$7,000 worth of lumber at Enterprise.

The Madison post office was robbed last week of \$600.

The leaf roller is injuring fruit trees in Greenwood county.

A hailstorm did damage in Rice county, especially near Miles.

Winfield's population is given by the assessor at 6,059, a gain of 332.

A brother of Senator Beveridge of Indiana, is an auctioneer at Marysville.

Ellsworth county farmers have chartered a bank with a capital of \$25,000.

Last week the Arkansas river was higher than it has been for six years.

Fireman Hereford, of Wichita, had a leg broken by a falling wall at a recent fire.

Assessor's returns show a gain for Wellington of 187; the population being 4,346.

The Kansas State Banker's Association met at Abilene this week, June 6 and 7.

A convention of Kansas letter carriers was held in Topeka the last days of May.

The ladies of Parsons have begun a movement for the erection of a convention hall.

The Epworth League of Kansas will hold its state convention at Topeka June 16-21.

The McLean farm in Harvey county sold last week for \$7,650, or \$4,700 a quarter section.

It is said that the Stillwell road will cross the Kansas line south of Corwin, in Harper county.

Miss Flora Thomas, of Paola, was declared the winner of the prize piano at Mexico, Missouri.

The special election in Mitchell county to authorize a levy of \$40,000 to erect a court house carried by a large majority.

J. Q. A. Norton, who has been probate judge in Douglas county for a quarter of a century was defeated for re-election.

An Oskaloosa minister asked his congregation for \$225 for repairs on the church. The congregation put up \$240 on the first round.

The cut worm, or army worm is at work on weeds and alfalfa in Saline county, and around Cambria have entered the wheat fields.

The McPherson waterworks are to be sold, and the people of the city held a mass meeting and decided that the people wouldn't buy it.

Lieutenant Elliott of Coffeyville, brother to the Kansas editor who was killed in the Philippines, died of sunstroke in Manila last week.

Last fall about 100 varieties of wheat were sown at the government experiment station at Halstead and experiments are now being observed.

There are eight business men in Topeka each of whose individual life insurance is above \$50,000 and whose combined policies amount to \$921,500.

The army worm is destroying garden vegetables in Ottawa county and is doing damage in alfalfa fields. It is thought wheat will be ripe before damage can be done to it.

Superintendent Church, of the State Insurance department, in his report says that in reduced fire insurance rates the people of Kansas have been saved in the last year \$349,484.

Lieut. John Haisch, now in Kansas, says that the lost soldier, Cessna, who disappeared in San Francisco, went back to Manila, and is alive and well, working in the quartermaster's department.

Frank McGrath, of Mitchell county has word that he has been allowed commutation for rations and clothing during the 14 months he served as scout, away from his company. He had never asked for it and it was a surprise to him.

J. W. Cessna, of Franklin county, is advertising for information about his brother, Harry D. Cessna. Harry was a soldier in the Twentieth Kansas and returned from Manila, the last heard of him being at the Russ house, San Francisco, last December.

This year at Chapman the Memorial sermon was preached by Father Williams of the Catholic church. Twenty years ago Williams was a ragged orphan at Chapman and was known as "Bill Williams."

Two German farmers of Woodson county have just shipped 12,000 pounds of wool of this season's cutting, getting 16 to 18 cents a pound.

British agents took 180 horses from the Bismark holding yards at Lawrence the other day. United States agents are there wanting 400 horses.

A Caldwell man met death by a full well drunk. The widow sued the city for damages on the ground that the city permitted the unlawful sale of liquor to her husband. The court decided that the city was not responsible.

It is said that Trainmaster A. E. Anstin, of Wellington will succeed Superintendent Nelligan, deceased.

Guy Terrell, a 15-year-old boy, got caught in a mill belt in a Jewell county mill and his bones were pretty generally broken. He died in a few hours.

Bills receivable and notes amounting to over \$80,000 of the assets of the First National bank of Emporia, were sold at auction for \$645. The real estate brought \$2,036.

Bids were opened at Fort Leavenworth for the construction of privates' barracks, officers' residences, officers' bachelor quarters, artillery and cavalry stables, gun shed and a new hospital. James A. McGonigle's bid for the whole seven was \$277,590, and it is thought he will be awarded the contract.

## THE BRADSTREETS REPORT.

Increased Receipts of Hogs Lowers Prices Of Hog Products.

### FACTORIES SHORT OF ORDERS.

New York, June 4.—Bradstreets says: Readjustments of price quotations to meet the changed condition of supply and demand are still the leading features of the general trade. In volume the business doing is of a between-seasons character, improvement in some lines being counterbalanced by increased dullness in other branches.

The basic conditions of the trade are in the main of a favorable nature, however, is proved by the continued good railroad earnings returns which come to hand. The fact seems to be that the volume of business offered the transportation interests of the country continue considerably in excess of a year ago. Crop reports are relatively most favorable as regards corn and oats.

In the southwest wheat crop prospects are still maintained at a high average. In the northwest wheat has been helped by late rains, but owing to their late arrival is not certain how much benefit was obtained thereby.

Most prices are lower on the week, without noting a fractional drop despite unfavorable French crop advices, whence an enormous reduction in yield is predicted, and also rather blue reports from the northwest early in the week, mended in some respects by the rains mentioned. Pork products have sympathized with the downward tendency of values, aided thereby by increased receipts of hogs. Some further liquidation has been noted in cotton and the price has sunk to 9c.

In textiles the situation is rather depressed, although some improvement in re-orders for dry goods is noted at leading jobbing centers. Print cloths have been marked down by the Fall River committee, but this is merely a tardy recognition of hitherto known facts. Manufacturers of woollen goods are out of the market for raw wool and the outlook at present favors the light-weight woollens upon opening of lower values. Boots and shoes are dull and a number of eastern factories are short of orders.

General Conditions Satisfactory.

Havana, June 4.—General Wood says: "The general condition in Cuba is most satisfactory. The revenues are in excess of the expenditures. There is less discontent than you imagine, and while the advancement of the people is slow, it is undoubtedly more satisfactory than the old way. A most significant indication is furnished by the fact that the preparations for the election of municipal officials, on June 16, have been conducted in a most orderly manner. I have not received a single request for troops. The registration of voters foots up 150,000, one-half of the voting strength. In order to preserve the best feeling I decided to give the minority party representation on every board of aldermen and the other elective bodies. I do not anticipate trouble of any character as a result of the elections."

Third Prize on a Poor Crop.

Topeka, June 2.—Kansas took third prize on general fruit collection of the United States at the Paris exposition. Secretary Barnes, of the State Horticultural Society, received notice to this effect from the department of agriculture at Washington. Missouri took first prize.

"Kansas was rather unfortunate," said Secretary Barnes. "While we took third prize, which is a high honor, we should have done better. The fruit crop in the state last year was not up to the standard, and we could not find fruit such as Kansas usually raises. Missouri had a good crop last year."

Civil Government to Be.

Washington, June 2.—The Philippine commission has arrived at Manila and civil government will be inaugurated. A proclamation will be issued telling the people that they have come for that purpose. The commission will operate with the military until September 1 when municipal and provincial governments will be in operation. The commission will then separate, Judge Taft remaining in Manila and the four members being distributed among the four departments and acting practically in the capacity of governor.

Delay In Kentucky Case.

Frankfort, Ky., June 2.—The court of appeals surprised both of the contending political factions by refusing to act on either of the motions pending in that court until they are docketed in the usual way. On them hung the disposition of the minor state offices. The effect of this is to lay the trial of the appeals in the contests over to the fall term of the court and the contests otherwise remain in status quo. The matter could be taken up sooner by both sides agreeing to a motion to advance.

General Otis Quarantined.

San Francisco, June 1.—The transport Meade, with Major General E. S. Otis, arrived, twenty-five days from Manila. The Meade had three cases of smallpox aboard. She was placed in quarantine. General Otis stated to the quarantine officials that he was in excellent health and wished to land to take a train for the east as soon as possible. The presence of smallpox on the vessel makes the time of General Otis' landing very indefinite.

Conflicting Reports.

Lourenza Marques, June 4.—Reports of the most conflicting character are current here, due to the activity of the Boer agents. While one section declares that President Kruger has returned to Pretoria for the purpose of arranging terms of surrender, another asserts that the British have been repulsed outside of Pretoria. Nothing authentic is known here regarding Mr. Kruger's whereabouts or the situation in the Transvaal. There is a rumor that Kruger has died.

Four New Shops.

Topeka, June 2.—Third Vice President J. M. Barr of the Santa Fe road, has announced that in addition to the proposed building of three shops in Topeka, a fourth will be added. The new one will be for the use of making all the car wheels used on the Santa Fe system. This shop will be quite an institution in itself and will employ a good many men. The work on the first of the new shops to be erected here, will be commenced within the next sixty days.

## UNCLE SAM BLOCKS GAME.

Twenty-Three War Ships Now Ready to Act.

Shanghai, June 4.—Twenty-three warships are now at Taku, nine Russian, three British, three German, three French, two American, two Japanese and one Italian. In addition to their crews the Russians have on board their warships 11,000 troops from Port Arthur with field equipment. Fourteen thousand Russian troops are held in readiness at Port Arthur.

Washington, June 4.—It is hinted in diplomatic circles here that the sudden increase of activity on the part of the "Boxers" is nothing more than part of a well conceived plan by one of the great European powers to secure a permanent lodgment in Pekin and to seize a position giving it full control of the great Pei Ho river, the approach to the Chinese capital. It is further intimated that the plan has proved abortive, owing to the alertness of the other European powers represented in Chinese waters, but particularly to the readiness of the United States minister, Mr. Conger, and the American real admiral on board the Newark, which at once gave the movement an undesired international aspect, and so tended to prevent the particular nation concerned from aggrandizing itself at the expense of the interests of the other nations. Therefore, it is assumed that the excitement will rapidly abate, and the "Boxers" will disperse to their homes.

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Kansas Has Not Accepted It.

Washington, June 2.—The commissioner of the general land office wrote to the Kansas state department as follows:

"Until the legislature accepts the grant of the Fort Hays military reservation the lands and buildings must remain under control of this department. Pending such legislative action, however, it would be competent for the governor of the state to apply to the secretary of the interior for the appointment of some state officer as custodian without compensation by the United States."

Illinois Town Submerged.

Champaign, Ill., June 4.—The little town of Dewey, near here, sustained heavy damage from a cloudburst. The sidewalks were torn up, many residences were damaged, and the farm fields flooded. The farmers sustained the greatest loss, it is believed, as the corn and oats plants were uprooted by the torrent of rain.

Rapid Work in the Philippines.

Manila, May 31.—Within three days no less than thirteen battles have occurred at different parts in this island, with skirmishes at many points not included.

Harvest Itinerary.

Wichita, June 2.—The annual pouring in of harvest hands into Oklahoma has commenced. Those who have teams are driving through in wagons, and in the majority of cases are taking their families with them. Harvest is about to commence in Oklahoma. The crop is very heavy. As harvest closes there, these people will come back north, and many will keep on going north, working in harvest fields, until they reach the Dakotas.

Bliss and Gray in Chicago.

Chicago, June 1.—Confederate veterans held a service at their monument in the Confederate plot at Oak Woods. They first marched through the G. A. R. plot and as they passed through the lines of federal veterans laid their tributes of peace on the graves of their former enemies. The fraternal call was repaid later by Dewey Post, G. A. R., the members of which strewed flowers on the lawn under which were buried the Confederates who died while prisoners at Camp Douglas during the war.

Gen. Wood Investigates.

Havana, June 4.—General Leonard Wood, military governor of Cuba says: "I firmly believe that the irregularities in the Cuban postal service, which amount to plain theft only, are all that will be discovered. The postal service has not been under my jurisdiction. I took steps to secure the punishment of the men implicated. I have inaugurated a thorough investigation into all the departments and am confident that theft does not exist in any other branches."

The Kansas City Strike Is Off.

Kansas City, Mo., June 2.—The strike of the union street railway men in Kansas City has been declared off. At a meeting of the strikers a committee was appointed to wait upon President Holmes of the Metropolitan company and offer to declare the strike off on condition that the strikers be taken back. President Holmes declined to consider this proposition and later the strike was declared off leaving the men free to secure reinstatement upon individual application.

## A SECRET SOCIETY WAR.

All Powers Send Troops to Protect Embassies in Pekin.

### THE BOXERS ARE ALWAYS BAD.

Berlin, June 2.—The latest news from China has given rise to much anxiety here. An official of the foreign office made the following statement regarding the matter: "The German naval commander at Tsing Tau has orders to act in conjunction with the naval authorities of the other powers as circumstances may require. The landing of marines at Taku to go to Pekin was ordered. The report from the United States that 30,000 Russians are advancing to help the Chinese is baseless. No power is sustaining China. We know that Russia will not separate herself from the others."

Pekin, June 2.—The foreign envoys received the reply of the Tsung Li Yamen to their ultimatum calling upon the Chinese authorities to consent to the landing of a force of marines to come to Pekin to guard the legation. The Tsung Li Yamen agreed to withdraw opposition to the coming of the guards.

London, June 2.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times, telegraphing, says the damage to the railroad is estimated at £20,000. The government supports rather than condemns the Boxers. No foreigner has been seriously injured, though murders of native Christians are reported daily from the country.

Washington, June 2.—The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, called at the state department to talk with Secretary Hay. He had no information from his own government as to the critical situation in China and was anxious for news.

Resident representatives of nearly all of the other nations interested in the Chinese situation were among Secretary Hay's callers, but none of them had received any information from his own government, bearing on the situation.

Mr. Nabeshima, the charge of the Japanese legation, who was also among Secretary Hay's callers, was likewise disposed to minimize the dangers of the "Boxer" uprising. He pointed out that at all times in Chinese history, the secret societies were fomenting trouble, and the present disturbance growing out of the operations of the "Boxers" was not nearly so formidable as many preceding ones.

German Papers Object.

Berlin, June 4.—Various German newspapers take exception to the terms of the proclamation which it is said Lord Roberts will issue on the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops, especially regarding the treatment of non-combatants as opposed to combatant burghers. The Vossische Zeitung says: "Were the Boers, who have honorably fought for their country, to be punished after the conclusion of peace, the civilized powers would have cause to protest. Any detention or trial of President Kruger would be contrary to the traditions of international law, a general amnesty being the logical result of peace."

Officials' Expenses are Heavy.

Havana, June 4.—Governor General Wood was asked about alleged extravagance of officials, and replied, "I know of a number of officials who have been compelled to spend more money to maintain the dignity of their rank and country than the United States allows them. They have drawn upon their private incomes to do so, and the government has not been called upon to foot the bills."

Thirty-Five More Corn Cars.

Topeka, June 2.—The India famine relief committee has decided to send thirty-five more earloads of corn to India. The committee has several cars of corn on hand and will purchase twenty-eight more at once. This purchase will absorb the funds on hand—about \$10,000. The thirty-five cars will make two trains. The committee will ask the Santa Fe railroad to transport the corn to Chicago free of charge. An effort will be made to secure free transportation from Chicago to New York.

Immense Stock Business.

Topeka, June 2.—The Santa Fe road is doing an immense stock business, especially along its southern lines. On an average of fifteen trains a day comes east from points in Oklahoma, Texas and the southwestern part of Kansas. A good portion of this stock is taken to Kansas City and Chicago to the markets, while much of it goes to the grazing fields of Nebraska. The Strong City line, Arkansas City-Florence cut off and the Emporia-Kansas City cut off get most of the traffic.

Survivors of the Civil War.

Washington, June 4.—The commissioner of pensions estimates that there are about 925,000 survivors of the Civil war. Of this number there were on the pension rolls last year 742,467. During the year 24,787 pensioned veterans died. This number is slightly more than 3 1/2 per cent. Assuming that the death rate among those not pensioned is the same as among the pensioners, the total number of veterans who died during the year would be about 30,855.

Fire In a Kansas College.

Manhattan, Kas., June 2.—The chemical laboratory of the state agricultural college was destroyed by fire last Thursday. The loss is roughly estimated at \$15,000. The fire originated in the dark-room and the ventilating shaft carried the flames directly to the roof, where they soon became uncontrollable, on account of poor water pressure. Spontaneous combustion, explosion of chemicals or a lamp left burning by students are variously assigned as the cause.

Some Return.

Jones—"They ought to hang that defaulting treasurer."

Johnson—"What are you kicking about? Didn't he give the people a run for their money?"—Kansas City Independent.

Empty Protestation.

The Maid—"My soldier sweetheart swore he loved me better than life."

The Matron—"That's nothing. Being a soldier, he is presumed to care nothing for life."—Kansas City Independent.

## OUR BUDGET OF FUN

SOME GOOD JOKES ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

He Was a Pusher and Thought He Knew How to Have His Salary Raised—Serious Possibility.—A Woeful Day of Mourning in Wornville.

He Was a Pusher.

A physiognomist would have said, after a glance at the young man with the pink eyebrows, that he was one to push himself forward at every opportunity, and proof would have been at hand to corroborate the diagnosis. A lady who boarded the Metropolitan car found every seat taken, and the young man was the first to offer her his. As she bowed her acknowledgments he looked more closely at her and queried:

"Aren't you Mrs. Bluefields?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"I thought so. I am one of the clerical force in his office, you know."

"Well?"

"Oh, that's about all. One of the clerical force, you know, and if it comes handy you might tell your husband that I gave up my seat to you. Everything goes when a fellow is looking for a step up and a raise of salary."

—Washington Post.

His Explanation.

An old sea captain who had navigated his ship many times round the world persisted in maintaining that our globe is not a globe at all, but a flat surface. No arguments, derisive or painstakingly educational, could alter his opinion one jot. Some one said to him once:

"But if the earth is as you say, captain, there must be an edge to it. How is it that no one has ever tumbled over the edge?"

"Why, of course they have," he answered, triumphantly: "that's where the ships go that are reported 'missing'."—Tit-Bits.

Didn't Know It by That Name.

"Didn't you find the tipping nuisance particularly exasperating?" some one asked Uncle Jerry, who had just returned from his first visit to a fashionable watering place.

"The tipping nuisance?" he said. "Oh, yes, there was always some idiot who wanted to rock the boat."—Chicago Tribune.

A Mysterious Spell.

"There seems," remarked the romantic young man, as he looked moonward, "to be a mysterious spell in the atmosphere."

"There is," answered the young woman, who is a teacher in the public schools. "I have been correcting examination papers all day."—Washington Star.

Could Sympathize.

Fair Young American (at Paris exposition, introducing acquaintance)—"Aunt Ann, my friend, Mr. Hermann."

Elderly Aunt (cordially shaking hands)—"Dear me! There's a pair of us! I miss mine, too. Can't find him anywhere. Mandy, what did you say the lady's name was?"—Chicago Tribune.

Her Peculiar Advantage.

When, in a case of strife, the politician's wife Desired in her sweet, wifely way, to flout him,

No common things she said, but held him while she read What opposition papers said about him.

Easily Adjusted.

"Estelle, I don't see why you buy two of those expensive pairs of antique snufflers when we have only one antique candlestick."

"Well, mercy me, Edgar, can't I buy another candlestick?"

How It Looked.

Minister—What do you think of that, Jane? That couple only gave me a dollar for marrying them!

Wife—Well, I knew the moment they came in they had both been married before!—Punch.

Theory vs. Fact.

Professor—For anatomical reasons, women cannot stand so long as men.

Young Lady—I guess you never saw a woman having a dress fitted.

A Serious Possibility.